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Senate Bill _____
By _____

House No. HJR0080
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to refer to the Select Oversight Committee on Education the review, examination and evaluation of the needs of disabled students in the state's public schools, the impact of required services, and the formulation of alternative ways to provide medical or related services.

WHEREAS, local education agencies are faced with increasing numbers of medically fragile or technologically dependent children; and

WHEREAS, teachers are being required to provide medically fragile or technologically dependent children with services including, but not limited to, clean intermittent catheterization, diapering, blood glucose determinations, Crede's Maneuver, nasopharyngeal suctioning, tracheostomy suctioning; and

WHEREAS, teachers handling body fluids are at high risk of exposure to disease, both diagnosed and undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the educational philosophy of inclusion for disabled students means that medically fragile or technologically dependent children will be attending regular schools and regular classes; and

WHEREAS, the necessary care of such students takes away traditional teaching time and requires teachers to become part time health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to continued improvement of Tennessee's education system that the state maximize the productivity of teachers in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to a strong state economy that the state maintain and progressively seek to maximize the potential of all students; and

WHEREAS, this state must seek to understand how to best address the services required for these students, the technology requirements, and the means to free teachers to teach; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Select Oversight Committee on Education be referred the review of the specialized health care needs of medically fragile or technologically dependent children in the state's public schools and the examination of evaluation of alternative ways to provide personnel or services that will reduce or eliminate the involvement of classroom teachers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the course of its deliberations, the Select Oversight Committee on Education shall also:

(1) review and estimate future costs of services and personnel to local education agencies;

(2) ascertain whether required services can be provided by school system health personnel or in a cooperative effort between school and public health agencies or officials; and

(3) draft and propose legislation to ensure that disabled students educated in regular classrooms will receive necessary services and educational benefit while preserving the integrity of the state's educational system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the Select Oversight Committee on Education upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Select Oversight Committee on Education shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the Ninety-ninth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1996.

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